



1-21-2025 Public Safety Committee Attachment 2

## Franklin County Coroner

County of Franklin, Illinois

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### Calendar Year 2024 Statistics

Case total = 311

150 females @ an average age of 77.20 years of age

161 males @ an average age of 69.65 years of age

166 out of 311 cases were on scene investigations

Transported by Coroner 50; Transported by Ambulance 6

Autopsies 18 (lower than normal)

Cremations 160 @ \$100 per permit = \$16,000 (less \$100 cremation for Franklin County unclaimed soul)

87 deaths between 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.

121 weekend deaths and 9 holiday deaths

81 Cancer Deaths/93 Cardiac related deaths/6 Suicides/1 Covid-19/1 RSV/1 Pneumonia/10 Accidental deaths: 1 MVA, 5 overdoses, 3 falls resulting in death, 1 alcohol related hypothermia/5 Decomp/ 3 infants

Deaths per day of the week Monday 41, Tuesday 47, Wednesday 45, Thursday 35, Friday 41, Saturday 56, Sunday 46.

Deaths by residence town: 92 Benton, 91 West Frankfort, 23 Sesser, 17 outside of Franklin County, 16 Christopher, 14 Mulkeytown, 14 Thompsonville, 10 Zeigler, 8 Royalton, 7 Valier, 5 Buckner, 4 Logan, 3 Ewing, 2 Macedonia, 2 Coello, 1 Whittington, 1 Scheller, 1 Freeman Spur

46 total bodies stored in the new morgue cooler

8 autopsies performed at our new morgue with 3 total other County Coroner's autopsies (should have had 4 more, but due to iced over runway had to transfer Jefferson County's 4 cases and our 2 cases to Williamson County for Autopsy)

*"Dignity in Life; Dignity in Death"*